

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q76268

Takashi INAYAMA

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Examiner: Willmon FRIDIE Jr.

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For: INSERT, HOLDER AND CUTTING TOOL

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicant notes that the Examiner's particular comments regarding the reasons for allowance do not accurately reflect the claim language. For instance, the comments in the Notice of Allowability include language, e.g., a parallelogram shaped body, two or more convex lines formed on an abdominal face of said parallelogram shaped body, etc., that is not recited in independent claim 7.

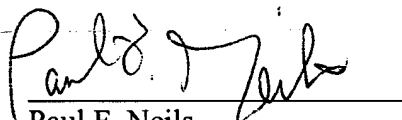
Applicant submits that the scope of the claims should be governed by the actual claim language, not by the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application."

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Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated May 23, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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